

PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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1. Applicant

United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery

Address: 12790 Fish Hatchery Road
Leavenworth, Washington 98826

The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) is part of a complex of three national fish hatcheries called the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex. The other two hatcheries that comprise the Complex are the Entiat National Fish Hatchery and the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery. The Entiat and Winthrop Hatcheries are currently authorized to discharge under the EPA's NPDES General Permit for Federal Aquaculture Facilities and Aquaculture Facilities Located in Indian Country within the Boundaries of the State of Washington (EPA Washington Hatchery GP). However; the LNFH will receive an individual NPDES permit due to more stringent requirements on temperature and total phosphorus based on the 2009 Wenatchee River Watershed Dissolved Oxygen and pH Total Maximum Daily Load Water Quality Improvement Report and the January 2012 Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington [Chapter 143-201A WAC].

2. Tentative Determination

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 has tentatively determined to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the LNFH.

3. Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in the draft permit or wishing to request that a public hearing be held, may do so in writing to the Director at the above address or nogi.jill@epa.gov within 30 days of the date of this public notice. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. Comments must be received within the 30-day period to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based.

4. Administrative Record

The proposed NPDES permit and other related documents are on file and may be inspected at the EPA Region 10 office at the above address any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. Copies and other information may be requested by writing to the EPA at the above address to the attention of the NPDES Permits Unit, by sending an e-mail to washington.audrey@epa.gov, or by calling (206) 553-0523. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet can also be downloaded from the internet at www.epa.gov/r10earth/waterpermits.htm. The draft permit and fact sheet are also on file at the following locations:

US EPA Region 10 Washington Operations Office
300 Desmond Drive, SE, Suite 102
Lacey, Washington 98503

and the
Washington Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, Washington 98903-0009

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